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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA-CORE GROUP

REF: (A) USUN 1285(NOTAL); (B) STATE 88523 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: INITIAL 1977 KOREA CORE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 11 AT TEN A.M. AT BELGIAN MISSION. PRO-
POSED AGENDA BEING OFFERED FOR CORE GROUP MEMBERS' COMMENTS
IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EXCHANGE ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN UN REGARDING KOREAN SITUATION SINCE LAST UNGA;

(B) EVALUATE OUTCOME OF NEW DELHI MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING COMMITTEE;

(C) REVIEW CURRENT STATUS OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS;
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(D) DISCUSS FUTURE STRATEGY;
(E) OTHER BUSINESS. END SUMMARY

2. PURSUANT REFEELS, ROK MINISTER AHN, ACCOMPANIED BY
COUNSELORS S.Y. LEE AND S.G. PARK, TOGETHER WITH USUN
MISOFF, MET JAPAN'S MINISTER YAMADA AT JAPANESE MISSION
APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS INITIATION OF CORE GROUPS 1977 WORK.

3. YAMADA READILY AGREED TO CORE GROUP MEETING AT WORKING-LEVEL ON MAY 5, 5 OR 6. MORNING OF FRIDAY, MAY 6 WAS SELECTED AS MOST PREFERABLE, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF OTHER MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP. DECISION TAKEN THAT AHN SHOULD INVITE BELGIANS TO HOST MEETING.

4. WITH REGARD TO AGENDA SET FORTH IN SUMMARY PARA ABOVE, YAMADA EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF CONCENTRATING DURING EARLY STAGES ON DEVELOPMENT OF ASSESSMENT OF INTENTIONS OF NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS, RATHER THAN ON CORE GROUP STRATEGY AND TACTICS. YAMADA CAUTIONED THAT IF WORD OF CORE GROUP CONCENTRATION ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS WERE TO LEAK OUT, ROK'S 1977 GOAL AGAIN TO AVOID UNGA CONFRONTATION AND DEBATE ON KOREA AS IN 1976 MIGHT NOT BE ADVANCED. "OTHER BUSINESS" ITEM ON AGENDA WAS INCLUDED SHOULD ANY CORE GROUP MEMBERS WISH TO TAKE UP, FOR INSTANCE, POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING NEW MEMBERS TO CORE GROUP.

5. AHN HAS SINCE TAKEN SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS IN NEW YORK. REACTION TO COMMENCEMENT OF GROUP'S 1977 WORK HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLE. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS HAS BEEN THAT POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING UNTIL MAY 11 WOULD PROVIDE BETTER LENGTH OF TIME FOR INPUTS FROM CAPITALS, AS WELL AS BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR SOME CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. ACCORDINGLY, MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TEN A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. BELGIANS HAVE AGREED TO HOST MEETING.

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